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OF DETECTING NUCLEIC ACID-PROBE TARGET HYBRIDS


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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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